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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS INCREASES 2 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in July 2005. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of July 10-16, 2005 totaled 54,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.56.

There were 1,332,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 930,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 402,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.39 per hour during the July 2005 reference week, up 35 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.62 per hour, up 28 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$8.74 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.78 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 4 percent from a year ago

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HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JULY 2004-2005 1/ 2/

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	50	54	961	930
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	33	31	637	656
149 Days or Less	17	23	324	274
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	34.7	36.0	39.2	40.6
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	8.80	9.20	8.34	8.62
Livestock	8.96	8.77	8.74	9.25
Field & Livestock	8.85	9.10	8.43	8.78
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	9.60	9.56	9.04	9.39

1/ Reference weeks were July 10-16 in 2005 and July 11-17 in 2004. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

2/ Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.



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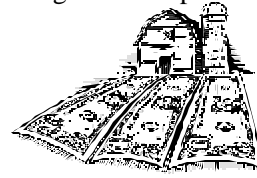
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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN 7 POINTS

The August 2005 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 92 (1991=100) was down 7 points from July's revised level and down 14 points from August 2004. The mid-August price for hogs increased from July. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, and eggs decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, all hogs, all milk, and eggs decreased from the August 2004 level.

The Livestock Price Index of 88 was down 2 points from last month's revised index and 9 points below August 2004. The Crop Price Index of 94 was down 10 points from the revised index a month ago and 17 points below August last year.



AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS – INDIANA AND UNITED STATES AUGUST 2005 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		August 2004	July 2005	August 15 2005	August 2004	July 2005	August 15 2005
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	2.44	2.20	1.93	2.34	2.11	1.89
Soybeans	Bu.	7.18	6.93	6.24	6.83	6.65	6.09
Winter Wheat	Bu.	3.01	3.18	2.88	3.19	3.15	3.11
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	1.32	1.59	1.53
All Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	92.20	99.70	99.70
Alfalfa Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	99.30	109.00	109.00
Other Hay <u>2/</u>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	71.90	75.90	74.80
Apples <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.268	.153	.202
All Hogs	Cwt.	54.20	49.00	48.90	55.30	49.80	50.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	54.40	49.70	49.50	55.80	50.30	50.50
Sows	Cwt.	52.60	42.30	43.10	46.90	37.70	38.60
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	87.70	85.30	84.70
Milk Cows <u>3/</u>	Head	<u>3/</u>	1750.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1830.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	16.00	15.20	15.20	14.90	14.80	14.70
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	16.00	15.30	<u>4/</u>	14.90	14.90	14.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	14.00	13.50	<u>4/</u>	14.20	14.20	14.00
Eggs <u>5/</u>	Doz.	.300	.320	.250	.337	.326	.257
Turkeys <u>2/</u>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.451	.450	.469

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. 2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

INDIANA SEVENTH IN TURKEYS RAISED

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 is 256 million, down 3 percent from the number raised during 2004.

Minnesota, at 44.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, showing a 2 percent decrease from last year. North Carolina ranks second with 36.0 million birds, down 8 percent from 2004. Arkansas is in third place by producing 29.0 million birds, 2 percent more than a year ago. Missouri growers expect to produce 20.5 million birds in 2005, down 5 percent from the previous year. Virginia, at 21.0 million birds is up 7 percent from 2004. California expects to raise 15.1 million turkeys, 4 percent less than a year earlier. These states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005.

TURKEYS: NUMBER RAISED SELECTED STATES & UNITED STATES

State	Total All Breeds		
	2004 1/	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	Thousand Birds		
Arkansas	28,500	29,000	102
California	15,700	15,100	96
Indiana	13,300	13,600	102
Minnesota	45,500	44,500	98
Missouri	21,500	20,500	95
North Carolina	39,000	36,000	92
Ohio	5,800	5,600	97
Virginia	19,700	21,000	107
United States	263,207	256,247	97

1/ Revised.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during July 2005 totaled 105.4 million pounds, 4 percent below a year earlier. The 400 calves slaughtered during July 2005 totaled 45,000 pounds. Total live weight of the 525,600 hogs killed totaled 137.4 million pounds. The 2,400 sheep slaughtered during July 2005 totaled 263,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during July 2005 totaled 3.62 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 3.71 billion pounds produced in July 2004. Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 2 percent from 2004. The average live weight was up 15

pounds from the previous year, at 1,254 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 7 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 58,600 head, down 15 percent from July 2004. The average live weight was 26 pounds above last year, at 350 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.51 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.66 million head, 5 percent below July 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was down 5 percent from July 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 200,800 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 6 pounds from July a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER ^{1/}

Species	Indiana				United States			
	Jul		Jan - Jul		Jul		Jan - Jul	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	2,787.2	2,718.4	19,192.2	18,599.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1,239	1,254	1,223	1,242
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	3,454,091	3,410,124	23,478,881	23,104,855
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	0.6	0.4	3.0	2.3	68.8	58.6	497.5	435.1
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	128	127	129	123	324	350	331	347
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	82	45	388	283	22,316	20,537	164,948	150,791
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	554.1	525.6	4,078.1	3,948.3	8,095.8	7,662.0	58,549.9	58,218.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	257	261	261	266	262	264	266	269
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	142,507	137,36	1,063,82	1,049,01	2,123,485	2,025,963	15,599,917	15,673,589
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.8	2.4	16.8	15.0	220.9	200.8	1,636.8	1,555.3
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	107	108	106	108	128	134	138	139
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	300	263	1,777	1,614	28,378	26,881	225,046	215,998

^{1/} Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

^{2/} Not published to avoid disclosure.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for pork and eggs.

Butter stocks were down 3 percent from last month, and down 10 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down slightly from last month, but up 5 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 10 percent from last month, but up 21 percent from the previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 29 percent from last month, but up 115 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2005 were up 1 percent from the previous month, but down 9 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 2 percent from the previous month, but down 4 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down slightly from last month, and down 15 percent from July 31, 2004.



JULY EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 520 million eggs during July 2005, down 4 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.4 million, was slightly above last month but 3 percent below last year. The rate of lay at 2,222 eggs per 100 layers was down 1 percent from last year. Indiana hatcheries produced 4.88 million egg-type chicks during July, down 5 percent from a year ago. Accumulated hatchery production for January-July 2005 was 35.6 million, up 2 percent from the same period of 2004.



U.S. egg production totaled 7.56 billion during July 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2005 averaged 340 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,222 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2004. Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 35.3 million, up 1 percent from July 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.3 million on August 1, 2005, up 12 percent from a year ago.

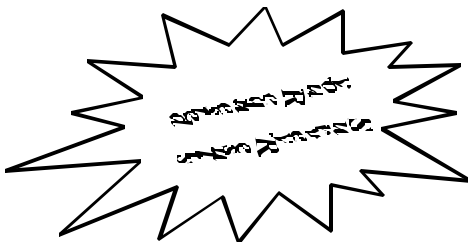
EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JULY 2004-2005

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,214	23,400	97	342,479	340,184	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,234	2,222	99	2,207	2,222	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	541	520	96	7,557	7,560	100
Table Eggs (millions)	529	508	96	6,455	6,441	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	12	100	1,102	1,120	102
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	5,148	4,882	95	34,919	35,310	101
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	806,658	807,654	100

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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